THE VEGETABLE GARDEN.

In Onion is Strength.

I am quite ashamed to t[illegible] my garden and have them notice the [illegible] of onions. It is very marked. In onion is strength; and a garden without it lacks flavor. The [illegible] wrappings is among the m[illegible] and it is the only one that [illegible] things. It can almost be [illegible]. You take off coat after coat, and the [illegible] and, when the last one is removed, [illegible] the onion itself is destroyed, [illegible] its departed spirit? If the [illegible] fallen earth that the [illegible] more than another it is the onion. [illegible] is supposed to be a prejudice [illegible] I think there is rather [illegible].

I doubt not that all [illegible] onion; but few confess the [illegible] is concealed. Good New-[illegible] owning it as they are of [illegible] people have days on which [illegible] you might call "retreaty" or [illegible] The act is in the nature of a [illegible] Eleusinian mystery; not a breath of it is to get abroad. On that day the [illegible] deny the kiss of greeting to [illegible] retire within themselves [illegible] one of the most pung[illegible] ations of the moral [illegible] to be the family which [illegible] are for the time being [illegible] have a harmony of a peculiar [illegible] for the reformers. Let them [illegible] the onion; let them eat and [illegible] and circulate tracts of [illegible].

In the onion is the hope [illegible] mood. If all men will eat onions [illegible] into a universal sympathy. [illegible] I hope. I am not mistaken as to the [illegible] It was the Reds who p[illegible] it possible. All the Re[illegible] devotees of the myst[illegible] vegetable. Their oaths are [illegible] food also of the common [illegible] social atmosphere of the [illegible] it. Its odor is a penal [illegible] In the churches all are alike; the [illegible] The entrance of Victor [illegible] the pompous proclamation of [illegible] had already accomplished; and [illegible] our democracy eat onions in [illegible]—*Charles Dudley Warner.*

Frightening the Striped Bug from Vines.

Much has been written of late years about the little striped bug so destructive to cucumbers, and many remedies to avoid their depredations. I was much pleased, the other day, to observe a most ingenious contrivance to prevent [illegible] from their ravages, which if as effectual as it is ingenious, the author, Mr. David [illegible], of Livingston Co., to a portion [illegible] cucumbers, and the discovery a permanent record and wide publicity.

He says he observed that the bugs were easily frightened, and always [illegible] This suggested a sort of scare-crow; upon the hill he puts a straight stick in the ground at an angle of forty-five degrees, to [illegible] fastens a string, so that it will [illegible] over the hill, and just over the hill [illegible] of paper to the downward end of the stick, so that in its vibrations the hill will [illegible]. It will be seen that this paper will [illegible] except in a dead calm, when it [illegible] Vrancken says that [illegible] of an impending calamity [illegible] make themselves [illegible] unmolested. Does he [illegible]—M. L. Dean, in *Rural New-Yorker.*

How to Use Paris Green.

D. C. Richmond, of Ohio, recommends the following way of applying this [illegible] the danger of the arsenic dust [illegible] ing the breath. A bag [illegible] is drawn on a waggon to the [illegible] reservoir to draw from. Fill a [illegible] in a heaped table spoon of pur[illegible] if impure. Dip in an old [illegible] the infested plants. Bright sunshine is the best time.—*Country Gentleman.*

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Short-horn Sales.

Recently there has been a succession of important auction sales by the leading Short-horn breeders of Ontario. On Wednesday, 15th, Mr. Stone, of Moreton Lodge, near Guelph, led off with nearly the whole of his choice herd of Bates' Short-horns, the sale being rendered necessary by the sale of his Moreton Lodge estate to the Ontario Government for a model farm. On Thursday, 16th, Mr. Geo. Brown held his fifth annual sale of short-horns at Bow Park, near Brantford. On Tuesday, 21st, Mr. George Miller, of Markham, offered a large and valuable selection of short-horns from his fine old herd. On the same day Mr. J. R. Martin, of Hillsmand, had also a sale of good useful animals. On Wednesday, 22nd, Mr. William Miller, jr., of Pickering followed with a lot of well-bred short-horns—some of them of very fashionable strains. On Thursday, 23rd, Mr. John Miller of [illegible] cows and heifers, and 10 bulls (including "Rose of Strathallan" and "Oxford [illegible]," from his noted herd. And on Friday, 24th, Messrs. Lorrell & Johnston, of Greenwood, South Ontario, wound up the week with 24 useful cows and heifers and 7 bulls.

Mr. Stone's sale was largely attended. The catalogue comprised 40 cows and heifers, and 17 bulls; but of the latter 10 had been sold to an American dealer by private bargain previous to the sale. The remaining 47 animals, with the exception of 10 miscellaneous pedigrees, were of 5 noted Short-horn families, namely—9 Sanpareils, 10 Isabellas, 6 Cambridges, 9 York Duchesses, and 3 Lurlines. These families have been carefully bred by Mr. Stone for a quarter of a century past, and having been culled yearly by private and public sales, the animals left were uniformly good, of a uniform deep red color and in high condition. Of the 40 females in the catalogue, 33 were sold, and produced the sum of $12,980, or an average of $360 each. Only 5 bulls were sold, at $300, $152, $155, $115, and $150 respectively. The 41 lots were purchased by only 12 buyers. Mr. J. H Spears, of Illinois, bought no fewer than 16 lots; Mr. C. Burleigh, of Massachusetts, bought 6 lots; Mr. Clarke, of California, bought 6 lots; Mr. Beatty, of Illinois, bought 1 lot; Mr. Brown, of Bow Park, bought 4 lots, and the remaining eight lots went to Mr. Swinford, Mr. James Cowan, Mr. Tolton, Mr. Chadwick, Mr. Raikes, Mr. David Christie, and Mr. Arthur Hoyle. Thus 29 lots went to the United states, and only 12 remain in Canada.

The Bow Park sale brought a crowd of leading farmers from all parts of the Province, and went off most successfully. It is not yet four years since this herd was commenced—but already it comprises over 250 head of thorough-bred Short horns, many of them of the most valuable and fashionable pedigrees. Mr. Brown began his herd with such good animals as he could find—without much regard at first to the fashionableness of their pedigrees, but he has kept constantly at work ever since, improving his collection by purchases of high class animals in England, the United States, and Canada; and, as these gradually increased, the shorter pedigrees were reduced. Over 150 animals have been sold from the herd this year by public and private sale, and the sale of Thursday included the last and best of the short pedigrees. Every animal included in the sale list was of excellent quality—many of them remarkably fine specimens of the Short-horn race—but the recorded pedigrees of some of them did not extend further back than from fifteen to twenty years. The list included, however, a number of much higher class animals, and these prices of the sale brought fair though not high prices. The best price obtained was $410, at which two sales were made; three others went for $400 each; and the remainder went at all prices from that sum down to $90. Thirty-eight cows and heifers were sold for $7,530, or an average of $200 per head; and twelve bulls for $1,650, or an average of $140 each. Of the 50 lots sold, only 15 went to the United States and the remaining 35 go to all parts of the Province, to nearly as many buyers. This sale leaves Mr. Brown with over 200 high-bred Short-horns in his stables that would be hard to beat in any part of the world; and when he shall offer next spring a selection from his choicest stock, we venture to predict a higher average than has ever been obtained at any Short-horn sale in Canada.

That old and successful breeder of Short-horns, Mr. George Miller, who has rendered great service to the agricultural interest of Canada for a long series of years, is understood to be desirous of retiring from business, and the sale just held was in consequence of this determination. The animals offered were chiefly of a very high grade, and in excellent condition. Five bulls were sold for $545, or an average of $109 per head; and sixteen cows and heifers were sold for $5,255, or an average of $390 each.

Owing to unfavorable weather, and other causes, the sale of Mr. J. R. Martin was limited to sheep, the Short-horns being held over for private sale, or for some [illegible] are auction.

Mr. William Miller, jr's sale was very successful, the animals offered being chiefly purchases recently made by Mr. M., with great skill, in various parts of England, Canada, and the United States. Many of the pedigrees were of the most fashionable character, and the animals were in fine condition. Among them, were, Waterloo Cherry Duchess, bred by H. A. Bramey, of Aylesford, England, and strong both in Bates and Booth blood; two of the celebrated Mazurka tribe; Lady of Atha, related to the far-famed Duchesses; Rose of Sharon, and her daughter, of high Booth and Bates descent; Julia Bedford, sired by Louden Duke, and descended from Duke of Airdrie; and Rosa Leslie, sired by the famous Duchess bull, 11th Duke of Thorndale. Several inferior animals reduced the average, but thirty-seven cows and heifers realized $12,981, or $350 each, and three young bulls, $415, or $138 each.